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THE REPLY FILED 05/26/04 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) The period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
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1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
 - (a) they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 - (b) they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
 - (c) they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 - (d) they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____.

3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
4. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. The a) affidavit, b) exhibit, or c) request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: see the attachment.
6. The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) will not be entered or b) will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____.

Claim(s) objected to: _____.

Claim(s) rejected: 1-26.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

8. The drawing correction filed on _____ is a) approved or b) disapproved by the Examiner.

9. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s)(PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.

10. Other: _____.

Tung T. Vo
Examiner
Art Unit: 2613

Response to Arguments

The applicant argued that neither Wasserman nor Oku teaches, "identifying a reference sub-regions based on at least the motion information", "storing a reference sub-region identified by the motion information" and "on-chip memory", pages 6-7 of the remarks.

The examiner respectfully disagrees with the applicant. It is submitted that Wasserman discloses GOP in figure 1 comprises B, P, and I pictures, each picture comprises slice that divide into Macroblock, each Macroblock as considered a sub-regions has pixels, which macro-blocks are identified by the memory controller (160 of fig. 2) and stored in the first memory (110 of fig. 1) that is considered as on-chip memory.

It also submitted that Oku discloses means (9 of fig. 1) for storing the reference sub-region (fig. 4 and fig. 5) identified by the motion information in a first memory (11 of fig. 1) before performing motion compensation using the set of motion vectors (fig. 4, e.g. the reference sub-regions are reference picture area (1) and (2), B picture area, OSD data area and coded picture data buffering area; these areas are identified by the operation mode control (1 of fig. 1) and the decoder (2 of fig. 1) based on the motion information that is predicted by the motion compensation (4 of fig. 1), and the reference sub-regions are stored in the memory (11 of fig. 1, fig. 5) based on the motion information from motion compensation (4, 9, and 11 of fig. 1)). Further Oku teaches the memory (11 of fig. 1) is considered as on-chip memory because the memory (11) performs the same function as storing the reference sub-regions. In view of discussion above, Wasserman or Oku anticipates the claimed features.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tung T. Vo whose telephone number is (703) 308-5874. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 AM - 3:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris. Kelley can be reached on (703) 305-4856. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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